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SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF FORMIN MLADENOV

1. FORMIN MLADENOV IS CURRENTLY IN MIDST OF EXCEPTIONALLY BUSY SCHEDULE THAT WILL INCLUDE MEETINGS WITH FOUR OTHER FORMINS IN BRIEF PERIOD OF TIME.

2. SPURT OF ACTIVITY BEGAN WITH VISIT TO MOSCOW FEBRUARY 23/24 FOR MEETINGS WITH GROMYKO. AS REPORTED IN PRESS HERE MEETINGS WERE DEVOTED TO EXTRAVAGANT EXPRESSIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION, BUT PROBABLY MLADENOV WAS ALSO PRIMED FOR HIS NEXT MEETING. ON FEB. 26 MLADENOV WENT TO CAIRO FOR A TWO-DAY MEETING FOR TALKS WITH FORMIN FAHMI AND

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FOR FIRST MEETING OF THE BULGARIAN-EGYPTIAN COMMITTEE FOR

MUTUAL COOPERATION.

3. MLADENOV WILL NEXT MEET WITH GDR FORMIN FISCHER IN SOFIA FEB. 28. PRESS ON FEB. 25 HAD REPORTED FISCHER WOULD VISIT BULGARIA "IN NEXT FEW DAYS", AND THEN ON FEB. 27 ANNOUNCED MLADENOV WOULD VISIT FRG ON MARCH 4 AND 5.

4. COMMENT: APPEARS LIKELY THAT MAJOR SUBJECT OF ALL THESE MEETINGS IS ECONOMIC MATTERS WITH INCREASE OF PRICES FOR SOVIET RAW MATERIALS, PARTICULARLY OIL, DOMINATING TALKS. ALSO APPEARS LIKELY THAT MLADENOV RECEIVED MARCHING ORDERS FROM GROMYKO FOR THESE MEETINGS AND THAT ADDITIONALLY HE HAS TO COORDINATE WITH EAST GERMAN ALLIES BEFORE VENTURING INTO WEST GERMANY TO REPAY SCHEEL VISIT OF YEAR AGO.
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